

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAULSBURY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elias Carpenter, beg leave to report:*

That it appears from the proper records of the Pension Bureau, that on the 29th July, 1831, the petitioner was allowed a pension, under the general laws, at the rate of eight dollars per month for total disability, commencing July 23, 1831, the time of the completion of his testimony.

He now prays that arrears may be allowed him from the year 1813, the date of his disability, to July, 1831, when his present pension commenced.

The general law of February, 1822, the regulations of the department, and the practice of former committees, are opposed to this prayer, and have declared that invalid pensions shall commence only from the completion of the testimony. The committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

